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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Chris O'Rourke et al.

Serial No.: 09/780,755

Filing Date: February 8, 2001

Title: PREALLOCATION OF CLIENT NETWORK ADDRESS  
TRANSLATION ADDRESSES FOR CLIENT-SERVER  
NETWORKS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility patent application entitled "Preallocation of Client Network Address Translation Addresses for Client-Server Networks" by Chris O'Rourke et al., please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

The specification is amended at Page 1, lines 1-7, as follows. Please refer to the attached sheet showing a marked-up version of the amendments to the specification.

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/742,604, filed December 21, 2000, entitled "Preallocation of Client Network Address Translation Addresses for Client-Server Networks." This application also relates to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/781,522, filed February 8, 2001, entitled "Method Allocation Scheme for Maintaining

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